(c) whether Government have accepted any proposal for declaring National Highways in the State;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor and the length of Highways declared during the Eighth Plan period?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKAT-RAMAN): (a) No. Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) Due to paurity of funds and continued resource crunch, it has not been possible to add any new national highway in Gujarat. A length of 609 kms has been added to the national highway network during the 8th Plan period in the country.

Expansion of Kandla Port

526. SHRI ANANTRAY DE-VSHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have prepared a plan for the expansion of Kandla Port and sanctioned 30 jetties in its expansion programme;

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that only 8 jetties have been build so far against the 30 jetties sanctioned;

(c) the reasons for not taking up the work of remaining jetties; and

(d) -the time required for the completion of the work of jetties at the Port?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRl T.G. VENKAT-RAMAN): (a) to (d) Kandla Port Trust has prepared a Perspective Master Plan of Kandla Port for development upto the year 2020 A.D. The port has constructed 7 cargo berths and 4 Nos. Oil jetties. In addition, 2 Virtual jetties have been structed by Indian Oil Corporation Limited and Hindustan Petroleum Corpora-tion Limited, and M/s. Indian Farmers Fertiliser Cooperative Limited are con-structing a captive liquid jetty. Contract for 8th cargo berth has been awarded Tenders for 9th and 10th cargo berths have been issued. Construction of more cargo berths and more oil jetties would depend upon the requirement.

Scheme For Privatisation of Port Develop ment

527. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to issue guidelines to encourage the setting up of port based captive power projects by private sector;

(b) if so, whether these guidelines are a part of the scheme relating to privatisa-tion of port development;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) by when these are likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKAT-RAMAN): (a) and (b) Government has issued guidelines for private sector participation in port projects which include guidelines further setting up of captive power plants.

(c) Salient features are as under:—

(i) The need for the project will be assessed by the Port,

(ii) Guidelines of Ministry of Power and other authorities like Central Electricity Authority/State Electricity Board etc. have to be followed and clearance, if any, obtained,

(iii) Open tenders will be invited with the stipulation that modem machinery/technology will be- installed and in new condition,

(iv) Bids will be invited based on two-cover system consisting of technical and financial bids. Financial bids of only those bidders will be opened who have been technically qualified.

(v) The private sector participation licence period to be decded by the Port Trust in cash case with a

maximum period not exceeding 30 years (including construction period) after which the facility will revert back to Port free of cost,

(vi) The tariff for the electricity-sold to the Port would be fixed by the Port trust in terms of the tender. It should in any case not be more than the State Electricity Board tariff applicable to the Port,

(vii) The Port may charge an upfront fee and lease rent for the land for the Captive Power Plant at market rates. The basis of financial evaluation will be the lowest tariff quoted for sale of electricity to the Port.

(viii) Environmental Clearance and other statutory clearances will be obtained by the Port Trust,

(ix) The electricity requirement of the Port should be fully met and thereafter the entrepreneur may be permitted to sell its surplus power,

(x) Specified level of supply of power to the Port will be maintained by the BOT developer, failing which penalties should be imposed,

(d) Port would make feasibility studies for the power projects as per requirement and future tenders would be based on the above guidelines.

Four-Lane Highway from Mangalore to Mumbai

528. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal under consideration to widen the existing highway to four-lane from Mangalore to Mumbai and from Mangalore to Bangalore, if so, the details thereof;

(b) by when the work in this regard is likely to start; and

(c) by when it is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T. G. VENKATRAMAN): (a) The proposal for four laning of Mangnlore-Mumbai and Manca-lore-Bangalorc sections of National Highway would be considered depending on traffic volume *inter-se* priority and overall availability of resources during the Ninth Plan.

(b) and (c) As the Ninth Five Year Plan is yet to be decided, it is too early to give details.

Subsidy for Ship Building Yard

529. SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering a proposal to subsidise the ship building yards in the country; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the extent to which the subsidy is proposed to be given?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T. G. VENKATRAMAN): (a) and (b) The Shipbuilding industry all over the world is being sup ported by their respective governments, with the result that Indian Shipyards manufacturing ocean-going ships are unable to compete with the foreign shipyards. In order to have a level playing field, there is a need to subsidise construction of ocean-going ships by the Indian shipyards in the country. Till Scp-temocr, 1995 Indian Public Sector Shipyards were provided subsidy to the extent of 30% (20% payable by the Government and 10% by the shipowner). The extension of the subsidy scheme is under consideration of the Government.

Development of National Highways

530. SHRI SAT1SH AGARWAL: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the target fixed for the development of National Highways